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UNICEF work with countries transitioning from middle- to high-income status

The Executive Board

1. *Takes note* of the growing experience of UNICEF in working in countries that have recently transitioned from middle-income to high-income status, as approved by the Executive Board through the approval of country programme documents and multi-country programme documents;

2. *Notes* that countries transitioning to high-income status often have significant populations of children that are still affected by multiple deprivations, and that some of these countries welcome ongoing partnerships with UNICEF at country level to support the realization of child rights;

3. *Further notes* that countries transitioning to high-income status also contribute significantly to developing innovative approaches to the realization of child rights for their own populations, and may be sources of learning, expertise and horizontal cooperation for other countries, and further notes that some of them have been successful in mobilizing support to UNICEF regular and/or other resources from private and/or public sources;

4. *Acknowledges* the work of UNICEF to date in countries transitioning from middle-income to high-income status and invites UNICEF to work with relevant countries to prepare country programme documents or multi-country programme documents for consideration and decision by the Executive Board, taking into account national contexts of countries for which these documents are developed and other relevant issues, including financial sustainability;

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5. *Reiterates* the UNICEF formula for allocation of resources,[1] which directs the majority of regular resources to sub-Saharan Africa and least developed countries;

6. *Decides* to revisit this decision in the context of the midterm review of the Strategic Plan, and invites UNICEF to present an analysis for the consideration of the Executive Board on existing experience in high-income countries and middle-income countries transitioning to high-income status as part of the preparation of the midterm review of the Strategic Plan.

[1] As contained in Executive Board decisions 1996/34, 1997/18 and 2012/15.